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Applicant(s): Octavian Schatz

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OF NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed on November 7, 2008 (the "Office Action"), and following Applicant's submission of a notice of appeal on May 4, 2009, please consider the amendments and remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the \$810 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), which provide an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any office action, and to enter and consider this submission. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time and the \$130 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). No other fees are believed to be due in connection with filing this paper, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662, referencing the docket number above.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this reply; **Remarks** begin at page 10.